

where bond W is selected from the group consisting of a single covalent bond and a double covalent bond, bond X is selected from the group consisting of a single covalent bond and a double covalent bond, substituent Y is selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group having either  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  orientation relative to the five-membered ring and a keto function, and substituent Z is a hydrocarbon group selected from the group of cyclic aliphatic, aromatic, or a combination of aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbon, to a patient in need of such treatment.--

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REMARKS

Support for the amendment of Claim 1 may be found in the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,037,368, for example at Col. 2, l. 47-49.

Attached hereto is a separate page providing the status of all patent claims as of the date of this amendment, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claim.

Favorable consideration of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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